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IN THE SCHOOL OF CHRIST.

Mt.11:29 "Learn of me".

INTRO. Adult education. Night School. We must learn according to our needs. Never too old to learn. He who stops learning stops living. We must not only live and learn, but we actually live by learning for without learning all growth ceases, and when we stop growning we die.

The differences bewteen persons is largely indicated by their capacity of learning. Some take in knowledge like a sponge takes in water; others have ducks backs and the water just runs right off. One child in school needs but a hint and he has the whole lesson; another has to take one word at a time and wrestle with his lesson over and over again before he masters it.

Since in all walks of life we are compelled to learn much in order to keep fit for efficient service and satisfy the ever growing demands of our modern interests and desires, I asked myself the question, is there need of us Xns taking a post-graduate course in the school of Christ? Should we be tending night school classes with Jesus for our Teacher? Has he anything to teach us moderns that will help us to live our more abundant life more satisfactorily and profitably than many of us do?

Text: Mt.11:29 Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

The yoke of Christ is his commandments, the self-denials necessary to become his followers, the the requirements necessary to enter his school of instruction. The meekness and lowliness of Jesus is but his own open-mindness and willingness to learn all he can about God, and his gracious willingness to impart to us what he himself has learned. His easy yoke, then is our submission to the Master Teacher to take his course of instruction as it is given.

That Jesus is a Master Teacher there can be no question. No man has ever excelled him in the under-

of nature- the universal pyysical nature, God's nature, man's nature. He knows how to impart his knowledge. Modern pedagogy has nothing superior to the teaching methods of Jesus. Jesus teaches by his words, works and character in such a way as to bring one face-to-face with himself until he desires to return to his father's house and live his truest and highest and best self. Jesus doesn't deal with rules and regulations, but with principles of right living applicatable to all times and condition; hence the lessons which he imparts universalizes and eternalizes the human soul. Graduates frol the school of Christ come out their bighest and best selves.

But why dont we learn more than we do in the school of Christ, for surely some of us Xns are no better graduates than many who have takes their university degrees.

We often fail to carry out the instruction of the teacher.

In a factory where delicate fabrics are made the supt has issued orders to all employed that when anything goes wrong they should send for him. One of the weavers failed to work and the girl in charge pressed the button for the supt. But next to the gril worked an old hand who had been there for many yrs. Glancing at the machine she thot that she could easily fix it but by the time the supt arrived the threads were hopelessly tangled up. "I did my best" she told the supt, but he replied, "Doing your best is sending for me."

When I learned the carpenter's trade, my brother gave me a pattern of a rafter from which I had to make many similar pieces. Using the last piece cut for the pattern for the next piece.

We Xns dont always stick to our original pattern, we gradually dripft away from the fundamental principles of the Master Teacher, and ere long we find ourselves failing.

In the secular field of knowledge here is a statement that has been found to be very helpful: "The secret of learning is to ask much, to remember much and to teach much." I believe that it can be applied with equal advantage to our learning in the school of Christ.

I. As Xns we must ask much.

It takes careful thinking and rich experience to ask intelligent questions about anything.

The geoligist in a gravel pit.
The botanist walking along country road and thru fields constantly asking, seeking and knocking until he had learned all about the flora of the neighborhood.
Do we ask Christ intelligent questions about the ideals of life, about chaacter formation, about right attitudes and conduct until there is given to us a ~~light~~ lamp unto our feet and a light on our pathway that will enable us to walk uprightly before God and man? Asking questions is one of the secrets of progressive learning. We should be so intimately acquainted with Jesus as to be able to ask him any and all questions necessary for our further advance.

II. Remember much! Aye, there's the rub, for how easily do we forget! We readily take, but we fail to keep. We are easily impressed but cannot retain. We can make our exposures but we cannot develop.
How we have to jog our memories about the little things of life! Tie knots in handkerchiefs, strings around our fingers and what-not.

Noone has a better forgettery than I. It is hard for me to memorize and to long remember what I've learned. Recently I have memorized several songs that appealed strongly to me. How did I do it and how am I keeping the songs memorized? What is the secret of what memory I possess? Interest, association and repition.
One must be interested in what he is trying to learn
One must become familiar with his subject.
One must review it over and over again.

Many Xns are not ~~of~~ intimately associated with Jesus. They are not interested in his teachings. They have no regular periods of going over life-matters with ~~of~~ their master teacher. Consequestly they fail to retain, they soon forget all they ever learned. It is our daily companionship with Jesus, our daily walks and taks with him that enables us to ever bear in min the things of the kingdom. Then it is that he by his spirit stirs us up to remembrance.

III. "Teach much," If we do not impart to others what we have learned we soon lose it. Until we have taought what we know we really have'nt learned. And by teachin and telling others we learn more ourselves.

Xns teach by doing unto others according to the golden rule. Te lling others about Christ in all our dealings with them is the best way to proclaim the gospel truth and impart the gospel light and life.

"He that doeth the least of these commandments and shall teach men so, the same shall be called great."